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¶2. (SBU) Meeting with POL and Econ Deputies on September 14, Department of International Relations and Cooperation Deputy Director for UN Security Council Issues Ilia Dubuisson made it clear that, notwithstanding South Africa's support for Kosovo's World Bank membership, Pretoria remains "in no hurry" to recognize Kosovo. Dubuisson said that the SAG does not consider Kosovo's recognition by 62 governments to be an overwhelming endorsement. According to Dubuisson, South Africa prefers to have the International Court of Justice advisory opinion on Kosovo before considering recognition.

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